

REMARKS

Claims 40, 42-59, 61-63, 65-75 and 77-81 are pending in this application. By this Reply, Applicant has amended claims 40 and 56, canceled claims 61-63, 65-75 and 77-81, and added new claims 82-87. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter was added by these amendments and that all amendments are fully supported by the application as originally filed. Accordingly, claims 40, 42-59, and 82-87 are at issue.

The Examiner has rejected claims 40, 42-44, 46, 48-51, and 54-59 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brosnan et al. in view of Astenehu. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Brosnan et al. is directed to a floor standing gaming machine having a plurality of vertically positioned games that can be played by a player at the machine. Astancha discloses a combination dice, card and roulette gambling game. The various games of Astancha are played on a horizontal surface of a gaming table.

Claim 40, as amended herein, is directed to a gaming device comprising a gaming table having a dealer position and a plurality of player positions for playing a first game of chance. Additionally, claim 40 requires the device to include a vertically mounted display connected to the table for displaying a second game of chance.

There is no disclosure in either of the references cited by the Examiner, or elsewhere in the prior art, which would lead one skilled in the art to connect a vertically mounted display to a horizontal table top gaming system. Both Brosnan et al. and Astancha are directed to different types of gaming systems, one vertically oriented and one horizontally oriented, respectively, and have no common aspect that would lead one to modify the other in the manner of claim 40. Specifically, there is nothing that would suggest to one skilled in the art to take a display from Brosnan et al. and connect it to the table top of Astancha.

Applicant respectfully submits the combination of elements of claim 40 is unique and non-obvious over Brosnan et al. in view of Astancha, and is patentable thereover.

Claims 42-44, 46, 48-51 and 54-55 depend on claim 40, either directly or indirectly, and include each of its limitations. Accordingly, for the reasons given above, Applicant respectfully

submits claims 42-44, 46, 48-51 and 54-55 are also patentable over Brosnan et al. in view of Astancha.

Claim 56 is directed to a gaming device that includes a table having a horizontal top surface for a first game of chance and a vertically disposed game display connected to the table to display a second game of chance. Accordingly, for the reasons given above with respect to claim 40, Applicant respectfully submits claim 56 is also patentable over Brosnan et al. in view of Astancha.

Claims 57-59 depend on claim 56 and include each of its limitations. Accordingly, for the reasons given above, Applicant respectfully submits claims 57-59 are also patentable over Brosnan et al. in view of Astancha.

The Examiner has rejected claim 45 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brosnan et al. in view of Astenehu, in further view of Huard et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

As set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits claim 40 is patentable over Brosnan et al. in view of Astenehu. Huard et al. is cited for disclosing a first game of blackjack and doesn't cure the deficiencies of Brosnan et al. and Astenehu. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits claim 40 is also patentable over Brosnan et al. in view of Astenehu, in further view of Huard et al.

Claim 45 depends on claim 40 and includes each of its limitations. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits claim 45 is also patentable over Brosnan et al. in view of Astenehu, in further view of Huard et al.

The Examiner has rejected claim 47 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brosnan et al. in view of Astenehu, in further view of Adams. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

As set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits claim 40 is patentable over Brosnan et al. in view of Astenehu. Adams is cited for disclosing a card game with a second game of chance and doesn't cure the deficiencies of Brosnan et al. and Astenehu. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits claim 40 is also patentable over Brosnan et al. in view of Astenehu, in further view of Adams.

Claim 47 depends on claim 40 and includes each of its limitations. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits claim 47 is also patentable over Brosnan et al. in view of Astenehu, in further view of Adams.

The Examiner has rejected claim 44, 51, 52 and 53 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brosnan et al. in view of Astenehu, in further view of Pohanka. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

As set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits claim 40 is patentable over Brosnan et al. in view of Astenehu. Pohanka is cited for disclosing a roulette wheel located above a video screen and doesn't cure the deficiencies of Brosnan et al. and Astenehu. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits claim 40 is also patentable over Brosnan et al. in view of Astenehu, in further view of Pohanka.

Claims 44, 51, 52 and 53 depend on claim 40, either directly or indirectly, and include each of its limitations. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits claim 44, 51, 52 and 53 are also patentable over Brosnan et al. in view of Astenehu, in further view of Pohanka.

New claims 82 also require a table with both a horizontal surface for playing a first game of chance and a vertically mounted display for displaying a second game of chance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits these claims are also patentable over the references cited by the Examiner.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 40 and 42-59, and consideration and allowance of claims 82-87. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if there are any questions regarding this Reply.

Respectfully submitted,

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